

**MARMARA UNIVERSITY 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
SENATE DECISION DATED 04.04.2023 REGARDING SPRING SEMESTER
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

In accordance with the decisions of the Council of Higher Education dated 30.03.2023 concerning Spring Semester education in higher education institutions, the following Senate decisions have been made:

1. For the 2022-2023 Spring Semester only, some courses in the curricula of academic units will be conducted online via distance education, while certain other courses will be held both online via the Distance Education System and in-class for students who wish to attend in person.
2. Academic units are to plan at least three (3) courses in each class year to be conducted in a classroom setting and simultaneously online (hybrid), and they must provide detailed information to their students.
3. Attendance to courses held in classrooms (hybrid) will not be mandatory for students.
4. The existing practice will continue without change for 4th, 5th, and 6th-year students of the Faculty of Medicine, 4th and 5th-year students of the Faculty of Dentistry, and students enrolled in Teaching Practice courses.
5. For students other than the 4th, 5th, and 6th-year students of the Faculty of Medicine and the 4th and 5th-year students of the Faculty of Dentistry, practical components of courses may be conducted through assignments, projects, etc. For practical courses that cannot be conducted this way, based on evaluations by academic units, these courses may be held face-to-face during the spring semester, summer term, or the next academic term.
6. Necessary arrangements shall be made by academic units to ensure that final-year students of vocational schools and faculties can graduate without any issues, and announcements shall be made to students accordingly.
7. Students who have transferred as special students from other higher education institutions and are currently continuing their education at our university will be allowed to continue their education in the same manner.
8. For graduate programs, which courses will be conducted via distance education and which via face-to-face will be determined and implemented by the Institute Administrative Boards.
9. Midterm (in-term) exams for students other than the 4th, 5th, and 6th-year students of the Faculty of Medicine and the 4th and 5th-year students of the Faculty of Dentistry (except for special students in programs with practical training) will be conducted online in accordance with the principles of "transparency and auditability." These exams may include open-ended or multiple-choice online exams, assignments, online quizzes, projects, UES usage analytics, and similar methods.
10. The methods of end-of-term (final), make-up, single course, and graduation three-course exams for students other than those specified in Article 9 will be determined by academic units based on assessments conducted in May.
11. Thesis monitoring, qualification, thesis proposal, and thesis defense exams may be held either face-to-face or online as decided by the Institute Administrative Boards, and students shall be informed accordingly.

For the Senate decision, please [click here](#).

MARMARA UNIVERSITY EXTRAORDINARY SENATE MEETING DECISIONS

Meeting Number: 434 - **Meeting Date:** 21.02.2023

1- In the Spring Semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year, education in Foreign Language Preparatory Classes, Associate Degree, Undergraduate, Graduate, and Pedagogical Formation Certificate Programs will be conducted through distance education (online/offline) methods.

2- Within the scope of the "Framework Regulation on Applied Education in Higher Education", students enrolled in the following programs who are undertaking Professional Practice Training in the Workplace, and students taking Teaching Practice courses will continue their practical training face-to-face on-site, while their theoretical courses will be delivered through distance education:

a- 4th, 5th, and 6th-year students of the Faculty of Medicine,

b- 4th and 5th-year students of the Faculty of Dentistry,

c- 5th-year students of the Faculty of Pharmacy,

d- Students in the (+1) internship semester of the Faculty of Technology, the Faculty of Applied Sciences, and the School of Applied Sciences that implement the (7+1) program,

e- 4th-year students of the Faculty of Health Sciences,

f- Students enrolled in the Teaching Practice course in the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Sport Sciences, and Faculty of Theology.

3- The practical components of applied courses and courses containing applied components will be postponed and re-evaluated in April in line with the decisions to be made by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), and announcements will be made to students accordingly.

4- Students enrolled at universities located in earthquake-affected provinces or students whose first-degree relatives reside in these provinces while themselves studying in other provinces, who will continue with applied education as stated in Article 2, will be eligible for the following, upon request, without being subject to the regulations outlined in the "Special Student Directive of Marmara University":

a- They will be able to continue their education as special students in equivalent diploma programs at Marmara University.

b- No additional tuition fee will be charged by our university.

c- Special student applications will be accepted for 3 weeks starting from the beginning date of the program.

5- Students registered in the Spring Semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year will be allowed to freeze their enrollment for the Spring Semester upon request, and this period will

not be deducted from the maximum duration of their education program. Applications for enrollment freezing will be accepted within 3 weeks from the start date of the program.

6- Associate and undergraduate students who are eligible for graduation but have incomplete internships will be able to complete their compulsory internships in relevant workplaces face-to-face.

7- Doctoral Thesis Proposal Defenses, Doctoral Thesis Monitoring, Doctoral Qualification Exams, and Graduate Thesis Defense Exams may be conducted online with the approval of the Institute Board of Directors.

8- The decision on distance education will be reviewed by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) in April 2023, and educational processes will be re-planned according to the decisions made.

Respectfully announced to the Marmara University community and the public.

Marmara University Rectorate

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MARMARA UNIVERSITY
SENATE DECISIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE 2020-2021
ACADEMIC YEAR EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

As Marmara University, our primary principle in all decisions we have made and will make regarding the continuation of educational activities, scientific research, social responsibility projects, and university events during the 2020-2021 academic year has been to prioritize the health and safety of our university community. The second principle we uphold is to ensure equal access to higher education activities, whether through distance education or face-to-face learning, as a public service for all our students. Finally, we are equally committed to ensuring that scientific research activities, the core function of any higher education institution, continue under all circumstances within our university.

As one of the largest higher education institutions in the country with a student population of 65,000, we believe our foremost responsibility in educational activities is to take necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In addition to the warnings of the Turkish Ministry of Health, the recommendations of the Scientific Committee, and reports prepared by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), the results of surveys, interviews, and workshops conducted with our students and stakeholders indicate that face-to-face education in the Fall semester of the 2020-2021 academic year poses significant risks to our students, academic staff, administrative personnel, and other stakeholders.

According to the decision of the University Senate, educational activities in the Fall semester of the 2020-2021 academic year will be carried out via distance (online) education methods. Our students will follow their courses live online. This approach will provide significant protection against COVID-19 and alleviate health concerns among students, academic staff, and administrative personnel, particularly those in high-risk groups.

While educational activities will be conducted online, our university will implement a first during the Fall semester by keeping its campuses open for student access. A limited number of students will be able to benefit from the social facilities and open spaces on campus in compliance with pandemic conditions and strict social distancing rules. However, campus guesthouses and dormitories will remain closed for accommodation purposes due to distance education and pandemic measures.

International students registered at Marmara University will, like all other students, complete their course registration online via the Student Information System (ÖBYS) and will attend their classes online (live) through the distance education system.

One of our top priorities is to enable our academic staff to continue their research and scientific projects on campus. Regardless of the pandemic's severity, scientific research and projects continue without interruption at our university. Academic staff will be allowed to carry out their academic work in offices, research centers, and laboratories with necessary precautions taken by unit administrators.

Our social responsibility projects with university stakeholders will continue without interruption. Faculty members and student clubs will be provided with digital environments and opportunities to develop new social responsibility projects under the current conditions. We expect our members and students to develop and implement projects using the university's digital infrastructure.

The Senate of Marmara University convened on September 2, 2020, and adopted the following decisions for the conduct of educational activities in the Fall semester of the 2020-2021 academic year:

ASSOCIATE AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

1. All educational activities at our university, including foreign language preparatory classes (Arabic, English, French, and German), will be conducted via distance (online, live) education methods.
2. Except for clinical practices of 6th-year Medical Faculty (intern) students and 5th-year Faculty of Dentistry students, all educational activities of associate and undergraduate programs will be conducted via distance (online, live) education methods in the Fall semester.
3. Medical Faculty:
 - a) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th-year students will start their education via distance (online) methods.
 - b) Internship (clinical practice) for 4th and 5th-year students will commence in the Spring semester depending on pandemic conditions.
 - c) 6th-year (intern) students:
 - Will start their education with face-to-face instruction;
 - Will be provided with the same personal protective equipment and safety measures as physicians;
 - All safety measures applied to physicians for risks including COVID-19, hepatitis, work accidents, etc., will also apply to intern students;
 - Foreign students will have health insurance coverage, including COVID-19 treatment, starting from the beginning of their internship;
 - Turkish students will be insured under the Social Security Institution (SGK);
 - Sick leave due to illness will not be counted towards their education period;
 - Students with chronic illnesses, documented by a medical report, may suspend their internships, opt for elective or family medicine internships, or freeze their enrollment;
 - The planning and monitoring of these applications will be managed by the relevant academic units.
4. Faculty of Dentistry:
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th-year students will begin the Fall semester with online (live) education, while clinical practices will be scheduled for the Spring semester;
 - 5th-year students will commence clinical practice face-to-face;
 - The Faculty Dean's Office is responsible for implementing all COVID-19 safety precautions applied to physicians also for students participating in clinical practice.
5. Faculty of Technology:
 - For the 2020-2021 academic year, a curriculum adjustment will be made whereby workplace training and courses normally held in the 7th semester will be moved to the 8th semester (Spring), and courses normally held in the 8th semester will be moved to the 7th semester (Fall).
6. Faculty of Health Sciences:

- Theoretical courses will be conducted via distance education in the Fall semester, while practical courses will be scheduled for face-to-face instruction in the Spring semester.
- 7. The method and schedule of internships and practical applications for other faculties and schools in public or private institutions will be planned by the respective academic units and their boards.

MASTER’S AND DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

- 8. All courses in graduate (master’s and doctoral) programs will be conducted via distance (online, live) education methods.
- 9. Thesis defense examinations, doctoral qualification exams, thesis proposal and monitoring meetings, as well as practical applications and project work related to ongoing theses, will be held face-to-face within formal education settings, taking all COVID-19 precautions.
- 10. Graduate students and academic staff who are in risk groups will be exempt from item 9. For these students, exams, meetings, and project work will be conducted online by the responsible faculty member. Academic staff in risk groups will also conduct thesis defenses, qualification exams, and project applications online.

All these measures may be reviewed and revised by the Senate of Marmara University depending on the course of the global pandemic and decisions of the relevant higher authorities.

This announcement is respectfully shared with the Marmara University community and the public.

Marmara University Rectorate

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MARMARA UNIVERSITY
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATE DECISIONS REGARDING DISTANCE
EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER OF THE 2019-2020
ACADEMIC YEAR

EXAMS AND APPLICATION METHODS

The Spring Semester Midterm Exams, which were planned to be held between April 4-12, 2020, according to our university's academic calendar, have been postponed. The dates (midterm, final, make-up exams), exam application methods, and Summer School arrangements will be completed and announced in May 2020.

PRACTICAL COURSES AND ACTIVITIES

For courses that require practical sessions such as laboratory work, workplace training and practice, on-the-job training, internships, clinical internships, vocational applied courses (courses and practices determined specifically by units), an intensive make-up program will be prepared for a later date and will be announced on the web pages of the respective academic units.

FREEZING REGISTRATION

Our associate, undergraduate, and graduate students can submit their registration freeze requests by filling out the "registration freeze request" form available at <http://obys.marmara.edu.tr> until April 20, 2020. The registration freeze will be valid for the Spring Semester of the 2019-2020 Academic Year and the period for which registration is frozen will not be counted towards the maximum duration of study.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTION FEES

Student contribution fees are determined by the Presidential Decree in accordance with Article 46/b of Law No. 2547 on Higher Education and Article 7 of Law No. 3843 dated 19/11/1992. Matters regarding refunds or exemptions are also decided by the Presidential Decree.

REMOVAL OF COURSE SCHEDULING CONFLICT RESTRICTIONS

Students may select courses they could not previously register for due to scheduling conflicts, provided they do not exceed the maximum credit and course limits as stipulated in the regulations. These requests can be made by filling out the "course conflict request" form at <http://obys.marmara.edu.tr> until April 20, 2020.

FINAL YEAR PROJECT/THESIS/GRADUATION PROJECT/PROJECT COURSES IN ASSOCIATE AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Final year projects, graduation theses, and similar project courses in associate and undergraduate programs may continue online if both supervising faculty members and students submit a statement to their departments by April 20, 2020, declaring that they can continue their activities online.

Projects that cannot be conducted online will be scheduled according to the academic calendar to be announced in May 2020.

GRADUATE THESIS STUDIES

Graduate thesis studies, including thesis supervision and specialized courses, can continue online if supervising faculty and thesis students submit their statements to their department chairs by April 20, 2020.

For thesis studies that cannot be carried out online (including thesis supervision, specialized courses, thesis defenses, doctoral thesis monitoring, etc.), all activities will be postponed until June 2020. The period until June 2020 will not be counted toward the study period and will be granted as an additional time.

THESIS MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thesis monitoring committee meetings for doctoral thesis studies that will continue online can be held digitally with arrangements made by the relevant graduate institutes.

DOCTORAL THESIS PROPOSALS

Doctoral thesis proposals may be submitted online if students, supervisors, and thesis monitoring committee members submit their statements to the department and if the necessary arrangements are made by the relevant institute.

DOCTORAL QUALIFICATION EXAMS

Doctoral qualification exams will be postponed until June 2020. The period until June 2020 will not count toward the study period and will be granted as additional time.

GRADUATE THESIS DEFENSE EXAMS

Graduate thesis defense exams may be conducted online if the thesis supervisor, thesis student, and jury members submit their statements to the department chair, and the institute ensures the necessary infrastructure and legal recording of the process.

STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD UNDER ERASMUS, MEVLANA, OR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

To prevent disadvantages for students studying abroad under Erasmus, Mevlana, or bilateral agreements:

- Students returning home will be allowed late registration and can continue their education at our university.
- Students returning home can either continue participating in the online education of their host university or choose to join the online education at our university.
- Students who have not returned home can continue their studies through the online systems of the host university or Marmara University.
- Students can benefit from online courses at both their host university and Marmara University if necessary.

FOREIGN STUDENTS STUDYING AT OUR UNIVERSITY UNDER ERASMUS, MEVLANA, OR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

To prevent disadvantages for foreign students studying at our university:

- Those who have not returned to their countries can continue their studies via Marmara University's online systems.
- Those who have returned home can either participate in their home university's online education or continue with Marmara University's distance education programs.

FOREIGN STUDENT EXAM (MÜYÖS)

The conduct of the Foreign Student Exam (MÜYÖS) will be determined based on developments during this period.

PEDAGOGICAL FORMATION EDUCATION

Pedagogical Formation Education will start online on Monday, April 13, 2020. Relevant announcements will be made on the website of the Atatürk Faculty of Education.

TEACHING PRACTICE COURSES

Due to the impossibility of conducting in-person classes in educational institutions, the Higher Education Council (YÖK) has decided that for the Spring Semester of 2019-2020 only, teaching practice courses such as School Experience and Teaching Practice in teacher education programs, as well as certain courses in Special Education and Guidance and Counseling programs, will be considered complete based on online participation.

Theoretical lessons will be conducted synchronously or asynchronously online, and course portfolios will be completed with assignments and other activities. Evaluation will be made jointly by supervising teachers and university instructors via the MEBBIS system considering these adaptations.

The Atatürk Faculty of Education will finalize and announce the evaluation procedures according to YÖK decisions.

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